

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week in school. We have been so impressed with how the children have settled back in to school after the Christmas break. They are focused, eager to learn and working their socks off.

Attitudes to Learning

You may or may not be aware that, as well as our motto of "Work Hard, Be Kind", in school, we also speak to the children about different Attitudes to Learning that help them to be effective learners. This week, our focus attitude was "Willingness to Learn". We have been talking to the children about how, before any learning can take place, we need to have an open mind, show curiosity, enthusiasm and be committed to learning something new. We have also spoken about how not every child in the world has access to education and how (although it may not always feel like it!) they are fortunate to have access to a school journey that will prepare them for their future adult life. At least one of each class's achievement awards this week was awarded for demonstrating a "Willingness to Learn". Well done to all of our stars!

You will be aware that our teachers attended some INSET training last Friday. To demonstrate that we are all lifelong learners and all "Willing to Learn", in Friday's assembly, staff shared what it was that they were working on in their own practice. Our staff have started talking to children about what they are learning and some of them are even advertising it on their classroom doors.



Next week's Attitude to Learning is "Motivated to Learn".

Parent Partnership Meeting and Coffee Morning in aid of Young Lives Vs Cancer

Please put Tuesday 24th January 2023 in your diaries. We will be hosting our third Parent Partnership meeting along with a coffee morning, starting at 9.10am in the dining room. We are asking for donations of cakes to be sold at the coffee morning. We know that our community has been extremely generous in the past when it has come to donating cakes to these events. We would ask that all donations are brought to the school dining room ahead on the morning. Any cakes that are left over will be sold after school on the playground.

I will also be holding a additional Parent Partnership meeting on Tuesday 24th January 2023 from 5.00pm until 5.45pm. All are welcome. Please check your emails for a survey I have sent about whether an online, virtual meeting would be something I could facilitate to enable more of you to attend.

Sensory Room

You may or may not be aware that we are fortunate enough to have a sensory room at school that provides a calm space for our children to unwind and regulate themselves. This week, our newest member of our team, Tammy Blacker, spent a great deal of time and effort improving the space and to provide an exciting jungle experience for one of our children with whom she has worked closely this week. Wouldn't you just love to learn in this space?



Headteacher Question Time

I will be arranging a date with the children for a Headteacher's Question Time. This will give them the opportunity to ask me questions about any feature of our school. We have a number of articulate, outspoken children who I know want to ask "Why?". Why do we have to wear uniform? Why are we not allowed our phones in school? Why do we have to do maths and English every day? Why can't we bring Pokemon cards or other things in to school to trade with our friends? Please do speak to your children about this session which will take place over the next couple of weeks. It would be a good to have some idea of what they want to ask about ahead of the session so I know what the main foci are likely to be.

Celebrating Success

We have a number of children who excel at activities outside school. We have celebrated a number of achievements in assembly recently and would like to have the chance to share more. Please do contact me via email if there is something noteworthy that your child would like to share.

Have a great rest of the weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Kyle
Head of School